

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

MICHAEL BALTHAZAR

Plaintiff,

vs.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:20-cv-01645-RSM

**ORDER FOR EAJA ATTORNEY FEES,
COSTS AND EXPENSES**

Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and Plaintiff's EAJA petition, it is hereby ordered that EAJA attorney's fees of \$6,542.63 shall be awarded to Plaintiff pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 U.S. 2521 (2010). This award is based on 2.86 hours of attorney work in 2020 at a rate of \$207.78 per hour, and 27.83 hours in 2021 at a rate of \$213.74 per hour. No expenses or costs are awarded.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury verifies to the Office of General Counsel that Plaintiff does not owe a debt, the government will honor Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA Fees pay EAJA fees directly to Plaintiff's attorney, DEBRA J. VENHAUS at P.O. Box 12488, Mill Creek, WA.

DATED this 7th day of December, 2021.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on December 2, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF, which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

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